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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PM MANLEY TO US IN 1975

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1. PERMSEC FONMIN GORDON WELLS ASKED ME YESTERDAY WHETHER ANY PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON A POSSIBLE LOW-KEY VISIT BY PM MANLEY TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH SECRETARY AND HOPEFULLY PRESIDENT (REFTEL).

2. WELLS SAID PM HAD BEEN INVITED TO MAKE VISIT BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THAT HE HOPED TO DO SO IN EARLY 1975 BUT WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE IT WITH A VISIT TO WASHINGTON

3. I SAID THAT I HAD NOT HAD ANY REACTION AS YET TO THE SUGGESTION OF A VISIT OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN ADVISED BUT THAT I FELT THE POSSIBILITIES OF PROPER ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MUCH ENHANCED BY A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME OF CURRENT BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. COMMENT: THE POSSIBILITY OF MANLEY'S CALLING A GENERAL ELECTION PROBABLY EARLY NEXT YEAR HAS SOME CREDENCE. A FOREIGN TOUR MIGHT BE THOUGHT TO ENHANCE HIS IMAGE. THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. GERARD

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